

HOUSE BILL NO. 230

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALTERNATIVELY CERTIFY
 5 TEACHERS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION; ~~REQUIRING~~ ALLOWING THE
 6 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO ISSUE A TEACHER CERTIFICATE TO A PERSON WHO
 7 IS ALTERNATIVELY CERTIFIED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 11 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Certification of teachers by school district trustees -- qualifications**

12 **-- exemptions -- state certification.** (1) The trustees of a school district may adopt an alternative certification
 13 policy to allow a person who does not hold a teacher certificate issued by the superintendent of public instruction
 14 to teach in a school in the district. In order to be alternatively certified, a person shall:

- 15 ~~_____ (a) pass an examination used to admit a person to a teacher education program to determine if the~~
- 16 ~~person's basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics are sufficient to perform satisfactorily as a teacher; and~~
- 17 ~~_____ (b) complete a 1-year internship in a school in the district~~ MUST PASS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND
- 18 BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

19 (2) The trustees' issuance of an alternative certificate ~~must~~ IS RECOMMENDED TO be based IN PART on an
 20 evaluation of:

- 21 ~~_____ (a) the person's academic knowledge; IN THE SUBJECT AREA OR AREAS BEING TAUGHT AND~~
- 22 ~~_____ (b) the results of the examination required in subsection (1)(a);~~
- 23 ~~_____ (c) the person's ability to communicate information effectively to pupils; and,~~
- 24 ~~_____ (d) the academic achievement of pupils taught by the person during the internship.~~

25 (3) The trustees shall report to the superintendent of public instruction all of the alternative certificates
 26 issued under this section.

27 (4) A person alternatively certified under this section is subject to all of the provisions of Title 20 relating
 28 to teachers except for the provisions of 20-4-103, 20-4-104, and 20-4-106.

29 ~~_____ (5) The trustees may hire a teacher who has been alternatively certified by another school district under~~
 30 ~~the provisions of this section.~~

